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# S. RES. 140

Expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the President's action to eliminate discriminatory trade practices by Japan relating to international shipping.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 24, 1997

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INOUE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas restrictive and discriminatory Japanese port practices have been a significant source of international concern for many years, have increased the cost of transporting goods to and from Japan for American consumers, and all ocean carriers and their customers, and have restricted United States carriers' operations in Japan while Japanese carriers have not faced similar restrictions in the United States;

Whereas for many years the Federal Maritime Commission, and the United States Departments of State and Trans-

portation, have investigated and monitored these practices and urged the Japanese Government to remedy the problems caused by these restrictions; and

Whereas recent actions by the Federal Maritime Commission and negotiations conducted by the Departments of State and Transportation with the Government of Japan have reportedly produced agreements which would, when implemented, reform the Japanese port practices and remedy these problems: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate expresses strong support  
2 for—

3               (1) the efforts of the President and executive  
4 branch to achieve removal of Japanese port restric-  
5 tions, and

6               (2) vigilant, continued monitoring and enforce-  
7 ment by the Federal Maritime Commission of  
8 changes in port practices promised by the Japanese  
9 Government that will benefit international trade.

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